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The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
221 W. Pine Street  
Lodi, California 95240

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing to seek your assistance in rectifying a dangerous traffic situation in Lodi. The corner of Crescent Avenue and Vine Street is currently a two way stop intersection with the stop sign on Crescent Avenue. I feel this intersection needs to be made a four way stop by putting stop signs on Vine Street also.

I have become increasingly concerned about the safety of this intersection. I have lived on the corner of this intersection for only a year and so far have seen two accidents and countless "near misses" caused by the confusion of the two way stop. Most people assume that this intersection is a four way stop and just drive forward from the stop sign on Crescent unaware of approaching traffic on Vine. The sound of screeching brakes and honking horns is a daily occurrence.

I have been tempted to bring this situation to your attention in the past and in fact have called the police department twice to request that they be aware of the intersection. Tonight, while I was in my front yard with my 2½ year old son I watched as a car speeding eastbound on Vine Street had to swerve to avoid hitting a car that had just left, the stop sign on Crescent Avenue. The car on Vine Street swerved so wide that it came just inches from the sidewalk, quite near where my son was playing. I feel this was a very close call and if there had been a stop sign on Vine Street this would not have happened.

To summarize, I feel strongly that a stop sign is needed on Vine Street. The confusion caused by only a two way stop at such a busy intersection coupled with the cars on Vine Street consistently exceeding the speed limit warrants making this intersection a four way stop. In addition, the volume of traffic on Vine Street can be quite heavy at times with several main streets (Ham Lane, Hutchins Street, Kettleman Lane, Lodi Avenue) Lodi Memorial Hospital and several offices in such close proximity. This is a residential area with many bicyclists and pedestrians present.

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Sincerely,

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August 8, 1988

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Subject: Vine Street and Crescent Avenue Intersection

Thank you for your letter describing your concerns about the intersection of Vine and Crescent. The City Council has directed staff to include the intersection in our regular review of high accident locations within the City.

The Public Works Department maintains a list of high accident intersections and attempts to study them in priority order. The priority is initially determined by the number of accidents and traffic volume (i. e., accident rate). According to our records there are 48 two-way stop intersections that have a higher accident rate than Vine and Crescent. We plan to review these within the next year. We will contact you after the first of the year and let you know exactly when Vine and Crescent will be completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Prima or Paula Fernandez at 333-6706.

Again, thank you for your interest in traffic safety.

JACK RONSKO  
Public Works Director

cc: Paula Fernandez  
City Clerk

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